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In re application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 30, 2004, Applicant elects for prosecution the claims of Group I, 1-5 and 11-15, without traverse.

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Respectfully submitted,

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